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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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February 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM:

ROBERT B. OAKLEY *RB*

SUBJECT:

NSSM On Advanced Technology
Weapons

During your recent trip to the Middle East, you requested a NSSM on advanced weapons supply to Middle East countries. Colonel Granger and I have prepared the attached for your consideration.

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NSS Review
Completed.

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National Security Study Memorandum

TO: The Secretary of Defense
 The Deputy Secretary of State
 The Director of Central Intelligence
 The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

SUBJECT: Advanced Technology Weapons in the Middle East

The President has requested that a study be conducted on the implications of the acquisition of advanced technology and associated weapons by Israel and the Arab states.

The study should list the major types and their origins (e.g. US, USSR, UK, France) of advanced weapons presently on hand, or whose delivery is expected within the next two years, for Israel and Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Jordan. The study should compare the capabilities of these weapons, taking into account both technical considerations and considerations of a less technical nature such as training and ability to use and maintain various advanced weapons.

On the basis of the above, the study should assess the impact of the Arab-Israeli military balance of power--past, present and anticipated--of advanced weapons. There should be an estimate of the costs involved in the acquisition of various advanced weapons.

The study should conclude with options and recommendations as to how the United States Government can best monitor and control the supply of advanced technology US weapons to Israel and the Arab states. The study should assess the Congressional implications for each option and recommendation.

The study should be prepared by an NSC Ad Hoc Group consisting of representatives of the addressees and of the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and chaired by the representative of the

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Secretary of Defense. The study should be submitted by March 21, 1975, for review by the Senior Review Group prior to submission by the President.

Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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